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Chairman Kevin Martin
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street
Room 8-B201
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket Item #07-16

Dear Chairman Martin:

It is my understanding that you have a proposal now before the FCC that would provide free internet broadband service in Dallas as well as the rest of the country.

Providing greater internet access for our children is becoming increasingly important in the education of our children. As a member of the Dallas School Board, we continually look at ways to improve the educational opportunities for our children. One dear area that needs improvement is providing easier and more affordable access to the Internet for the families of our nation.

According to the Department of Education, more than 120 million persons in our country have only limited or no access to the Internet. They have also reported that only 41% of Hispanic families use the Internet. In the Dallas ISD over 78% of our families are economically disadvantaged. As someone who represents a majority Hispanic district (64% students and 35% LEP students), this issue concerns me.

I hope the FCC will continue to review and monitor ways to make the Internet more accessible to our children and American families. As we move forward in educating our children, it is imperative that we offer the same opportunity to access the Internet for all children regardless of income level or the neighborhood in which they live.

The Proposal by M2Z Networks is one proposal worth exploring. I hope the FCC will review this proposal, as well as others, that will improve the ability for all to access the Internet. It is imperative that we begin the process now.

Sincerely,

Jerome Garza, 1st Vice President
Dallas Independent School District, Trustee

CC: FCC Secretary Marlene Dortch
Commissioner Copps
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